

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: *Schneegans, et al.* Docket No.: 2001 P 17353 US  
Serial No.: 10/826,954 Art Unit: 2829  
Filed: April 15, 2004 Examiner: Patel, Paresh H.  
For: Probe Needle for Testing Semiconductor Chips and Method for Producing  
Said Probe Needle

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Applicants note, for the convenience of the Examiner that cited reference JP 2001-165959 claims priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,352,454, which was previously cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated October 29, 2004.

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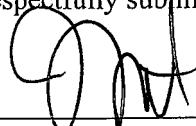
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